Delayed Execution of projects under MPLADS

*307. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments have received complaints regarding delayed executions of projects under MPLADS in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would issue some guidelines to all the State Governments to ensure timely execution of all projects under MPLADS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Twelve complaints from MPs have been received regarding delay in execution of projects under MPLADS during the period from 1.1.1999 to 10.3.2000. When such complaints are received, a report is called for from the concerned authorities of the State Government and they are advised to take corrective measures.

(c) All the District Collectors have been advised to stipulate a time limit for completion of work depending upon the nature of work and to take action against the defaulting implementing agencies. The State Governments have also been requested to take necessary steps for streamlining the implementation of MPLADS works and monitoring of the scheme.

Industrial use of natural gas

*308. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are providing natural gas for industrial use;

(b) on what basis Government are allotting this gas; and

(c) what is the total amount of gas allotted to different centres and which are the industries in the States like Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Gas allocation is made to various industries on the recommendations of an inter-Ministerial Committee, namely, Gas Linkage Committee on the basis of the availablility of gas and the demand in the area.

(c) The total allocation of gas made to various industries in the country